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FOLLOWING CABLE SENT ACTION NEW DELHI MARCH 27 REPEATED
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SUBJECT: WINDUP IN CALCQTTA OF CHINESE DELEGATION VISIT TO INDIA

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1. THE CHINESE GOODWILL DELEGATION LED BY WANG PINBANEN LEFT
CALCUTTA FOR RETURN TO PEKING (VIA HONG KONG) ON THURSDAY
23 MARCH. THE TWELVE MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S
ASSOCIATION FOR RIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARRIVED IN
CALCUTTA ON FRIDAY MARCH 17, AND WERE SPONSORED DURING THEIR
STAY HERE BY WEST BENGAL INDIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AS
WELL AS BY KOTNIS MEMORPAL COMMITTEE. THE FIRST GROUP IS
REPUTED TO HAVE A GOOD NUMBER OF NAXALITIES OR NAXALITE SYM-
PATHIZERS AMONG ITS ADHERENTS, WHILE THE KOTNIS GROUP IS SAID
TO CONTAIN SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM THE VERY LEFTIST SOCIALIST
UNITY CENTER. AFTER SOME INITIAL AND PERHAPS LOW LEVEL RE-
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SISTANCE TO TTHE VISIT BECAUSE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE BENGALIS
WHO WERE NVOLVED IN MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS, IT BECAME CLEAR
THAT THE CPM AND GOWB WANTED TO WELCOME THE CHINESE WARMLY AND
THIS WAS DONE. DELEGAGION WAS RECEIVED AND SEEN
OFF AT CALCUTTA AIRPORT BY GOWB MINISTERS.

2. WANG'S GROUP EXTENDED ITS TIME HERE (BY ADDING

A VISIT TO THE TEGOREAN RETREAT AT SANTINIKETAN TO THEIR
SCHEDULE) TO GIVE CH EF MINISTER BASU TIME TO RETURN TO
CALCITTA TO MEET THEM. GOWB GAVE CHINESE A BANQUET ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 21, AND THAT EVENING BEFORE BANQUET PUT ON A PUBLIC
WELCOMING CEREMONY, ETTENDED BY PERHAPS 3500 PEOPLE, AT WHICH
PROMODE DAS GUPTA, BASU AND WANG SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH. WANG
WORKED HARD TO PUT OVER SLOGAN "HINDI-CHINI BHAI BHAI";
BENGALI LEADERS AND ROWD ACCEPTED AND REPEATED IT, BUT WITH
SOME RESERVE.

WE UNDERSTAND FROM AN INDIAN WHO ACCOMPANIED GROUP ON
SANTINIKETAN EXCURISON THAT THE CHINESE CONSIDERED THAT
THEIR BUSINESS WAS REALLY WITH GOI. THEY DISMISSED CPI AS
MOSCOW-LINING ORGANIZATION, AND WERE MORE AMUSED THAN INTRESTED
BY THE VARITIES OF MARXISM, SUCH AS CPM AND CPI (ML), WHICH
THEY FOUND HERE.
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